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Application No.:

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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

- <u>X</u> Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted w/ copy of Notice
- **Executed Declaration**
- Check in the amount of \$130.00
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This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

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Sir:

In the above-identified application, Applicants have received a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application Filing Date Granted, April 8, 2002, indicating that the oath filed with the above-identified application on March 5, 2002, did not include the signatures of the inventors. Applicants submit herewith a duly executed Declaration for the above-identified application. Applicants also submit herewith the surcharge of \$130.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts dated April 8, 2000.

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Response to File Missing Parts of Application

Applicants request examination on the merits.

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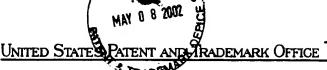
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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